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Applicants : John P. O'Loughlin et al.
Serial No. : 09/840,196
Filing Date : April 23, 2001
For : INFLATABLE SIDE CURTAIN WITH FILL TUBE
Group Art Unit : 3611
Examiner : L. Lum
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4719-1
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1400

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

12/25/2002 VROGERS
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44.00 CH Please cancel claims 42-45 and 47 and amend claims 1, 35, 46, 48, and 52 as follows:

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~~1 (Amended) Apparatus for helping to protect an occupant of a vehicle that has a side structure and a roof, said apparatus comprising:~~